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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the final Office Action mailed February 27, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following Response.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 7-12, 16 and 17 are currently pending. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 18 and 19 and for the notice that claims 4-6 and 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For the reasons discussed below, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection to the remaining claims be withdrawn.

Chang et al.

Chang et al. is directed to a computer graphics boundary-defined area clipping and extraneous edge deletion method. Chang, as cited, states that X-axis, Y-axis, and Z-axis clipped extraneous edges are each processed for removal differently. (Col. 9, lines. 60-62.) In particular, X-axis and Y-axis extraneous edges are beneficially removed *during the boundary definition stage of system area fill*, while Z-axis extraneous edges are eliminated by

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